

compassion found in the people of Northwest Indiana. The U.B.M.'s efforts in Mexico, throughout the years, have included relief for victims of natural disasters in Mexico City, Acapulco, Oaxaca, and Jalisco, to name a few. The U.B.M. has also conducted fundraising efforts that have led to the building of churches in El Llano, Michoacan, and Aguas Caliente, as well as the purchase of an ambulance in Nuevo Leon. In addition, to assist Mexican families during the most difficult of times, the U.B.M. has demonstrated its benevolence by providing financial assistance to families in order to assist with the transporting of deceased relatives back to Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Union Benefica Mexicana, its members, and its President, Mr. Tony Barreda, on the organization's 50th anniversary. Their many accomplishments, their tireless efforts to improve the community, and their service to the people of Northwest Indiana and Mexico will forever be remembered.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN K.
HALL

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today on behalf of my colleagues Rep. JIM COSTA, Rep. DEVIN NUNES, Rep. RICHARD POMBO and Rep. GEORGE RADANOVICH to honor Stephen K. Hall, the Executive Director of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for his outstanding contributions to California agriculture and the California water community.

The recognition that my colleagues and I are offering today is well deserved and long overdue. Throughout his career, Steve has remained a champion for California agriculture and for the protection and delivery of safe and clean water. Soon after graduating from California State University, Fresno in the early 1970's, Steve began his career as General Manager of the Tulare Lake Drainage District. In the years following, Steve founded the Land Preservation Association, an organization created to help develop and implement irrigation and drainage policy in California, and the California Farm Water Coalition, a pioneer collaboration of agricultural water users and water agencies. In 1992 Steve became the Executive Director of ACWA, and in the years since has helped shape the laws and policies that affect California's cities, farms and businesses. Under Steve's guidance and leadership, the ACWA has been a leader in California water issues. Devoted to promoting the development, management and reasonable beneficial use of water in an environmentally balanced manner, Steve has been involved in many major statewide water issues affecting California's local water agencies. He was a lead negotiator in the three-way negotiations between agricultural, urban and environmental water representatives that led to the creation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the passage of Propositions 204 and 13.

Steve Hall's expertise in California's water issues and water policy has been recognized

and utilized by many as he has served in numerous appointed and advisory capacities to Governors Deukmejian, Wilson and Davis. Currently, Steve serves on the Boards of Directors for the California Water Institute and the California Infrastructure Coalition, as a member of the UC Davis Land Air and Water Advisory Committee and the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, and is the co-chair of the Water Supply Sub-Committee for the California Bay-Delta Water Authority.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Steve Hall's 55th birthday, it is with the utmost respect and appreciation that my colleague's and I acknowledge his enormous and lasting contributions to the future of California and America in his continued commitment to sustaining our most precious resource, water.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER
GENERAL ROBERT TAYLOR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Brigadier General Robert Taylor as he retires after nearly 40 years of service with the United States Army and the Michigan Army National Guard. I thank General Taylor on behalf of those individuals who have benefitted from his time, contributions, and leadership abilities.

Robert Taylor began his career in the Michigan Army National Guard in 1964, where he served 3 years as a Military Police enlisted soldier. Soon after, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Military Police Corps in June of 1969. He has held command and staff assignments in the 146th Military Police Battalion, 1st Battalion 119th Field Artillery 38th Infantry Division, 72nd Rear Area Operations Center, and Commander, Recruiting Command, Michigan Army National Guard. During his over 40 years of service, he has been promoted to several, senior staff assignments. Some of these prestigious assignments included positions as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Chief of Staff, Michigan National Guard, and in October of 1993, he was promoted to General Officer as the Assistant Adjutant General, Army. General Taylor held the position of Commanding General, 46th Military Police Command for the Michigan National Guard from June 1, 2004 until June 29, 2006, at which time he reverted to sole duty as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army. In this assignment, Taylor was responsible for the wartime readiness of over 8,300 soldiers of the Michigan Army National Guard. Brigadier General Taylor's dedication to upholding the principles of the United States Army, and his continued work on behalf of the people in his community, is a testament to his strength of character.

General Taylor's years of service in the Army and his dedicated work on behalf of his country are honorable. His decorated medals include the Federal Legion of Merit, the Federal Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the State of Michigan Distinguished Service Medal, and the State of Michigan Legion of Merit Medal. In addition, Taylor has been awarded the Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge and cur-

rently serves as the Chairman of the Board, National Guard Association of the United States. General Taylor's academic background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Spring Arbor University. His military education includes the Military Police Office Basic Course, the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Career Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Senior Reserve Component course at the Army War College.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring General Robert Taylor's exceptional service to America. May he know that his Nation is greatly appreciative for his tireless work.

TRIBUTE TO JEANNE OATES
ANGULO

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to pay tribute to Jeanne Oates Angulo, President of the Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. After twelve years of outstanding service to this organization, Jeanne will be retiring at the end of the year.

Jeanne was tapped to serve as president in 1994 after a successful career in television and radio, including a stint as General Manager of WPGC AM/FM in Washington, D.C. During this time, she was honored with the Advertising Club of Washington's Silver Medal Award, and was recognized as a Woman of the Year by Washington Woman magazine.

Her tenure at the MS Society has been equally distinguished. Jeanne has presided over an explosion in contributions to the Capital Chapter from \$2 million to more than \$5 million annually. She has overseen such fundraising staples as the MS Walk, the MS Bike Tour, and the Women Against MS Annual Luncheon.

It has been my pleasure to work with Jeanne on the annual MS Ambassadors Ball, a salute to members of the diplomatic corps for their many contributions to humanitarian efforts. My wife, Pat, has co-chaired this event on two occasions, and joins me in praising Jeanne for her determination in soliciting in-kind donations to the Ball to keep overhead expenses low. Jeanne's enthusiasm and drive in this area has ensured that more funds are spent on the Society's mission: ending the devastating effects of MS, supporting MS research, and providing for MS advocacy efforts.

Jeanne has also dedicated her time to service on the boards of many community organizations, including the March of Dimes, the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club, the USO, the Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, and the Women of Washington. Her tireless devotion to volunteerism is an outstanding model for others, and has been a tremendous asset to her as she works to get more people involved in charitable efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the entire Board of Directors of the National MS Society, everyone at the Capital Chapter, and all whose lives she has touched join me in thanking Jeanne for her continued efforts to help find a cure for MS. We wish Jeanne and her husband, Al, the very best as they move on to a new chapter in their lives.